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SUBJECT: STATEMENT BY SECRETARY HENRY A. KISSINGER AFTER  
MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER AND THE  
RHODESIAN DELEGATION AT RESIDENCE OF SOUTH  
AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER IN PRETORIA - SEPTEMBER  
19, 1976

FOR S/PRS; DEPT PASS NSC FOR MR. SCOWCROFT AND WHITE HOUSE  
FOR MR. NESSEN; USINFO FOR IPS/PA, IBS/PA, IAA

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF SECRETARY'S STATEMENT AS NOTED  
IN SUBJECT LINE. (S/PRS: NOTE THAT THIS IS SECOND  
STATEMENT BY SECRETARY IN PRETORIA, SEPTEMBER 19. FIRST  
STATEMENT WAS MADE AFTER MEETING WITH RHODESIAN DELEGATION  
AT EMBASSY RESIDENCE; SECOND STATEMENT WAS MADE AFTER  
MEETING WITH RHODESIAN DELEGATION AND VORSTER AT VORSTER  
RESIDENCE).

QUOTE I REPORTED TO MR. SMITH THE PROPOSITIONS  
DEVELOPED JOINTLY BY THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED  
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KINGDOM IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENTS

OF BLACK AFRICA. MR. SMITH AND HIS COLLEAGUES  
CONSIDERED THESE PROPOSITIONS AND THEY HAVE NOW  
RETURNED TO SALISBURY. I AM SATISFIED THAT MR. SMITH  
AND HIS THREE CLOSE COLLABORATORS WILL REPORT  
FAVORABLY TO THEIR OTHER COLLEAGUES. AFTER CONSULTATION  
WITH THEIR COLLEAGUES THEY WILL HAVE TO PRESENT THESE  
PROPOSITIONS TO THEIR PARTY CAUCUS. WHILE THE  
RHODESIAN INSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES ARE TAKING PLACE,  
I WILL SEEK CERTAIN CLARIFICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENTS  
OF BLACK AFRICA, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND  
PRESIDENT NYERERE. WE EXPECT THAT THIS PROCESS OF  
CLARIFICATION AND CONSULTATION WILL BE CONCLUDED  
TOWARDS THE END OF THIS WEEK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

Q: MR. SECRETARY, COULD YOU TELL US WHETHER YOU FEEL  
MORE HOPEFUL ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A BREAKTHROUGH  
TOWARDS MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA NOW THAT YOU'VE  
SPENT EIGHT HOURS IN CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER  
SMITH?

A: I THINK MY STATEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF AND OBVIOUSLY  
IF PROGRESS HAD NOT BEEN MADE THERE WOULD BE NOTHING  
TO REPORT TO THE RHODESIAN CABINET.

Q: IS IT ONLY PROGRESS, SIR, OR DO YOU THINK YOU ARE  
NEARING A BREAKTHROUGH?

A. I BELIEVE THAT MY STATEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF.  
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